

Wednesday morning

Halls Hill Nov 24th 1861

Dear sister

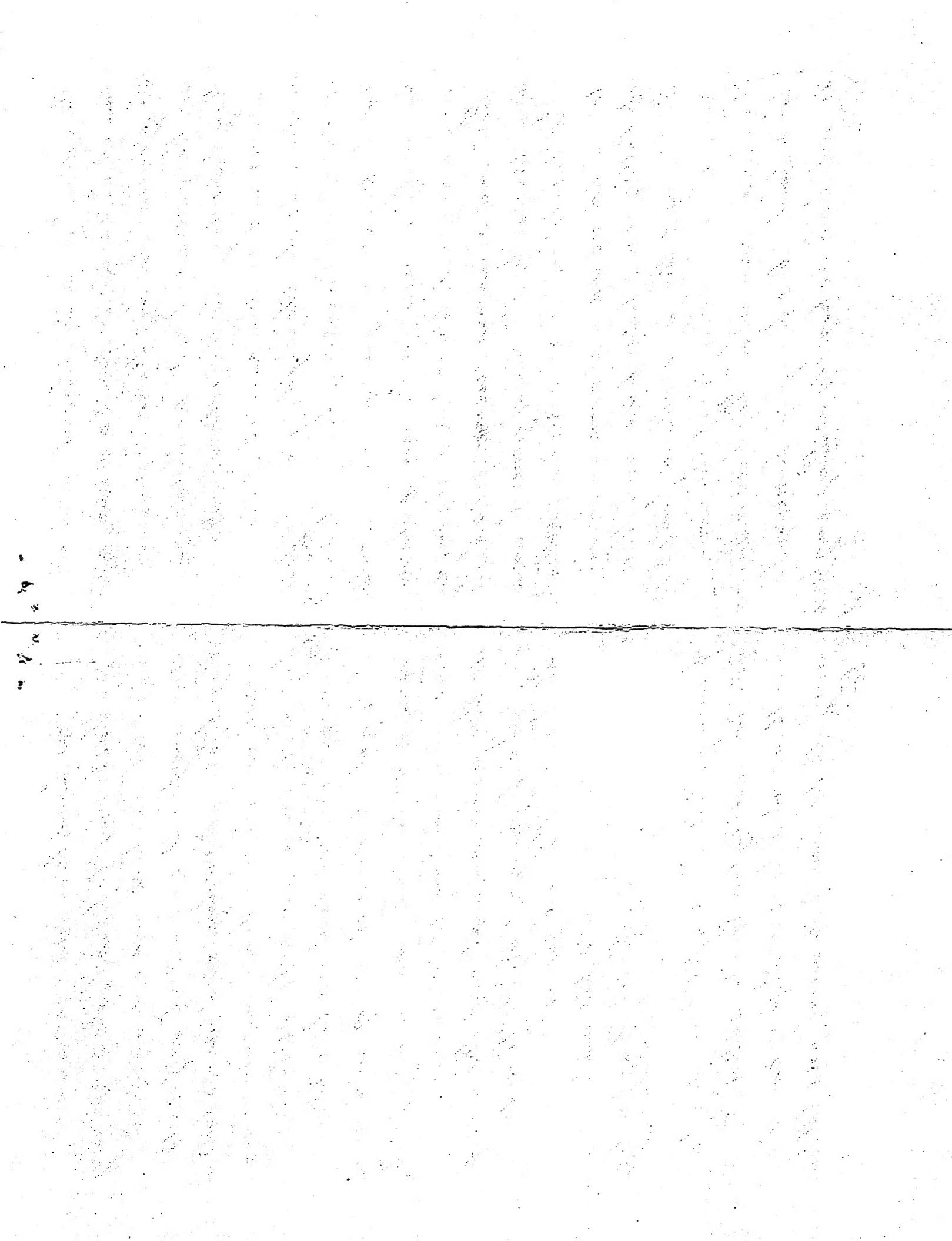
I received your letter last night and was glad to hear from you i have not ~~had a letter from you~~

had but one letter from an or any of the rest of the folks in four weeks i received the a letter from Oliver. Last week it was so long & coming that i did not no whether he was there now or not so idid not write to him you said that you wanted me to tell you what an orderly was i will tell you what it is there is seven men detailed evry morning from each company for guard around the camp out of them there is three taken for orderleys one for the colonel two for the ~~Brigades~~ general you wanted to no what they have to do well i will tell



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Civil
War
Letter
to
Lt Grimes
of
Helen W.
Mahoney



the colonel's has to stay at his tent
and if he wants to send a message to
the general for any thing he has to
go the general has to do the same
they have to go to the colonels with
messages and to the general of the
division to the telegraph office E.C. Post.
it called an honorary post and sought
for by all the guards that is what
an orderly is now for the rest of the news
we had great times here last wednesday
there was a grand review of 60 thous
and troops by the major general and
the president it was a nice ~~spectacle~~
to behold we were drawn up in line
of battle in a large field and then
the pres and the general and his staff
rode the whole length of the line
(they may say what they have a mind
to about abe's being so homely he
is not half so homely as they say he is)

we have been under arms since
last night for the ^{rebels} are threatening
to attack us there was one hundred
men sent out of our regt on pickets
day before yesterday and news has
come in since i have been writing
this that ^{capt doff of my note} one of our caps is taken
prisoner but we dont no how true
it is yet i do not no of any more
news now to write now good by for this
time give my love to father and
Mother mom and Mat and the rest of
the folks from your Affectionate
Brother William Griswold

To his sisters

C. & G. Griswold

of when you write to dices tell him when he
gets to washington to write so that he
i will no where he is a sloping and i
will write to him ^write away and tell him
to